

## **Historic, Archive Document**

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.



Bi-211.

DEC. '16.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

---

SCENT FOR ATTRACTING WOLVES, COYOTES, WILDCATS, AND  
OTHER CARNIVOROUS ANIMALS.

An effective scent for use in trapping wolves, coyotes, wildcats, and other carnivorous animals may be prepared in the following way:

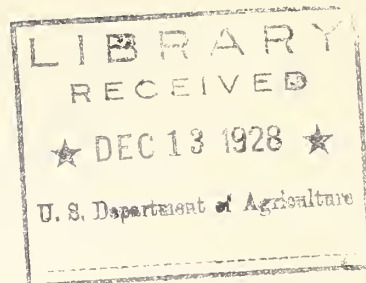
Grind sturgeon or some other oily fish in a sausage mill and place in air-tight cans to rot. The scent produced is best after a lapse of two months from the date of grinding, but it may be used within one week. This preparation alone gives excellent results, but it may be improved by the addition of house mice, musk, beaver castor, or muskrat glands.



27  
Bi-211  
Sept. '23

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

- - - - -



FISH SCENT FOR ATTRACTING WOLVES, COYOTES, WILDCATS,  
AND OTHER CARNIVOROUS ANIMALS.

An effective fish scent for use in trapping wolves, coyotes, wildcats, and other carnivorous animals may be prepared in the following way:

Any kind of fish may be used, but such oily varieties as sturgeon, eels, trout, suckers, and carp are preferred. The flesh should be ground in a sausage mill, placed in strong tin or iron cans, and left in a warm place to decompose thoroughly. Each can must be provided with a small vent to allow the escape of gas, otherwise there is danger of explosion, but the aperture must be screened with a fold of cloth to prevent flies depositing eggs, as the scent seems to lose much of its quality if a considerable number of maggots develop.

This scent may be used within three days after it is prepared, but it is more lasting and penetrating after a lapse of 30 days.

Fish scent alone has been used with excellent results, but several modifications are highly recommended. Using the decomposed fish as a basis, mice, beaver castors, musk glands from minks, weasels, muskrats, and the bladders of coyotes and bobcats may be added. Oil gives body to the scent and to a certain extent prevents freezing in zero weather. If the mixture appears too thin, glycerin, brains, fish oil, butter fat, or such other animal oils as fat from woodchucks and ground squirrels may be added.

An excellent system for a hunter to follow is to commence with a quantity of ground fish placed in large iron containers, similar to a milk can. As the original lot is used on the trap line, it should be replenished by adding more fresh fish and others of the ingredients mentioned. The addition from time to time of new material seems to improve the quality of the scent mixture.

